

Senate Resolution 804

By: Senator Douglas of the 17th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Atlanta Fine Arts League, Inc., and its "Art From the
2 Heart" capitol exhibit; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Atlanta Fine Arts League, Inc., was created in 2005 by a group of Atlanta
4 area artists as a catalyst for its inaugural community project, "Art From the Heart," a project
5 where local artists donated their time and talents to create portraits of Georgia's service men
6 and women who have died in the line of duty while serving their country in Afghanistan and
7 Iraq; and

8 WHEREAS, these portraits are for the families left behind, and each family receives a
9 donated 20x24" head and shoulders portrait of their fallen hero; and

10 WHEREAS, the creators of "Art From the Heart" are Lisa Gleim-Jonas, Geri Zaki, Leah
11 Henry, Fran Milner, Sherry Needle, and Larry Hall; and

12 WHEREAS, in the "Art From the Heart" capitol exhibit, there are currently portraits of the
13 following fallen heroes on display: Private First Class Daniel Allman, First Lieutenant Tyler
14 Hall Brown, Captain Hayes Clayton, Jr., Marine Sergeant Kelley Courtney, Army Sergeant
15 Philip A. Dobson, Jr., Army Staff Sergeant Marion Flint, Jr., Army Specialist Marcus Futrell,
16 First Lieutenant Ashley L. Henderson Huff, Army Specialist Justin Jarrett, Army Specialist
17 Justin Johnson, Marine Lance Corporal Stephen F. Johnson, Private First Class Kenneth E.
18 "Aaron" Kincaid IV, Army Corporal Victor Langorica, Army Corporal William "Bill" Long,
19 Air Force Senior Airman Jason D. Nathan, Marine Corporal William G. Taylor, Private First
20 Class Diego Rincon, Sergeant Paul Anthony Saylor, Sergeant Jonathan B. Shields, Army
21 Sergeant Michael James Stokely, Sergeant Thomas J. Strickland, Sergeant Patrick S. Tainsh,
22 Master Sergeant Thomas R. Thigpen, Private Charles Scott Walker, and Command Sergeant
23 Major Donovan Earl Watts; and

1 WHEREAS, there are currently over 70 portraits completed or in progress and 45 artists
2 committed to this project; and

3 WHEREAS, area businesses have donated numerous supplies and become valued sponsors;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, this project has met with tremendous response from the Atlanta press, with
6 articles in the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* and other local newspapers, video broadcasts on
7 all four Atlanta television news programs, and a 24 page spread in *Atlanta Style & Design*;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, news of the project has traveled outside of Georgia, with people contacting the
10 Atlanta Fine Arts League asking for assistance in implementing a similar program in states
11 from as far away as Texas, Kansas, Missouri, South Carolina, California, and North Carolina;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Georgia Public Broadcasting's State of the Arts will broadcast a program it
14 produced in which three of the artists and families were followed as they went through the
15 process of contacting the families and completing the portraits; and

16 WHEREAS, as long as Georgia soldiers continue to die in Iraq and Afghanistan, the artists
17 of the Atlanta Fine Arts League are committed to continuing "Art From the Heart."

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that this body recognizes and
19 commends the Atlanta Fine Arts League, Inc., and its project, "Art From the Heart," and its
20 efforts to commemorate the brave soldiers that have given their lives for the State of Georgia
21 and our country during the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
23 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Atlanta Fine Arts League, Inc.